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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace each paragraph indicated in **Attachment A** with the (clean) paragraph as shown after the indication in Attachment A provided herewith. A marked up copy of each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the original paragraphs is shown in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 15 and 16. Please cancel these claims.

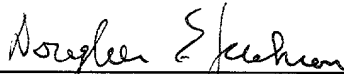
REMARKS

By this Amendment, various clarifying corrections have been made in the specification. In the claims, claims 15 and 16 have been deleted.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

Clean Replacement Paragraphs

At the following locations, replace the previously provided paragraph with the following clean paragraph(s).

Page 3, lines 12-19.

The filter element is preferably disposable. Preferably, the filter assembly is removably coupled to a drive means, for example a motor, so that the filter assembly may be renewed without having to renew the drive motor. The filter assembly may be mounted in a cartridge as described in our concurrently filed application Serial No.

_____ (attorney docket no. P07243US00), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. In such a case, the filter assembly may be located on the cartridge and the drive motor on the main analysis unit.

ATTACHMENT B

Marked Up Replacement Paragraphs

At the following locations, a marked up copy of the replaced paragraph is provided.

Page 3, lines 12-19.

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